



# The Valley Flyer



AMA Charter Club #152 Celebrating 61 years

February 2011



**Chuck Thompson**  
**President**

The winter weather has been generally great so far. Hopefully it will hold out for this Sunday's Fun Fly. We hope to see you there.

We've released a revised schedule this week, with corrections to the Valley Circle Burners dates and the first announcement of the first Tribute to Fred Burgdorf Race. See this issue or our web site for updated event flyers and schedule.

The Valley Circle Burners will join us on July 14th to offer a Control Line Teach and Fly Day in cooperation with our Fun Fly and Swap Meet.

Your club is calling and it needs your help. We still have 3 important Board of Directors posi-

tions to fill, Vice President, Helicopter Director and Media Director.

The VP should be engaged and help with club activities and might need to run an occasional meeting if I can't make it for any reason.

The Heli Director should coordinate related issues and the CD, or coordinate with a CD for the LA3D Heli Event in October. Without the direction of an engaged Heli Director and active helicopter members, progress on developing this part of the field has slowed to a crawl. The Board is anxious to complete this essential part of our facility, but we need help and direction from someone who will take charge of this position.

The Media Director should be able to update flyers and occasionally make new event flyers and other graphics, take photos and/or video to document club activities. If you have any experience in this area and would like to help, please let me know. I hope that someone will show interest in these positions by nominating someone or by volunteering.

We've already had suggestions for many new kinds of future events including a 3D event, a T-28 electric race, 426 race class (this has already been tentatively

added to our next race), a Huckfest, and an EDF event. It will take some time to research, consider and watch these ideas develop. Anyone interested in working on and CD'ing these kind of events, please step forward.

Tony needs help with our training program with additional instructor pilots and people to help maintain the trainers. Please see Tony di Leo for details.

We need several volunteers for normal maintenance and clean up at the field. The pay isn't great but the jobs have excellent retirement benefits. Please see Willie Gardener for details.

Happy flying,

Chuck

## **Upcoming Events**

- **February 20th** — FREE VF Members Fun Fly

We need volunteers for each of these events! Remember, your participation brings with it credit toward the year end raffle!



**Mike Lipsey**  
Newsletter Editor

This month has been an interesting one. There has been an increase in the 'buzz' around the FAA's notice of proposed rule making and its possible impact on our hobby.

I know the AMA is working hard to make sure that we are protected from onerous regulation. Most recently; and I have included this in the newsletter, a Senator from Oklahoma has introduced an amendment to take the power of regulating model aircraft from the FAA:

### **Model Airplanes Regulation Amendment**

The U.S. Senate adopted S. Amdt. 86 by unanimous consent. This amendment denies the FAA the ability to regulate model airplanes. **President of Academy of Model Aeronautics Dave Mathewson voiced his support and said, "On behalf of our 140,000 members I want to thank Senator Inhofe for helping to preserve model aviation. Aero-modeling is an exceptional family recreational and educational activity that has traditionally been a stepping stone for our children to careers in**

**aviation and aerospace. With the Senator's help we hope model aviation will continue to help provide that impetus for future generations of engineers, pilots, and astronauts."**

This Senator, James Inhofe (R) from Oklahoma has our thanks and I hope that this does the trick to keep our hobby safe. I am still concerned, I do not think that if this **S. 223, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Air Transportation Modernization and Safety Improvement Act** passes it will be the end of all trouble from the FAA.

On other fronts there were rumors earlier this month which started from the site [www.aero-news.com](http://www.aero-news.com) with an article calling modelers to action against the FAA prior to the rule's release. The article used old AMA documents to support its assertions. The documents that were referenced had information that was dated and no longer accurate to the AMA's opinion on what the FAA was doing and how the modeler should handle it. Since that article the site has release a couple of pod-casts which are basically audio recordings of some interviews between a few AMA notables. Paul Plack interviews Rich Hanson from the AMA. These are much more current and helpful.

You can find those pod-casts here: <http://www.aero-news.net/fb/index.cfm?do=podcasts.podcast&podcastsId=1>

Ultimately it is up to us as individuals to keep up on what is current regarding this. It is important that when the rule comes out—WE respond with our well written and coherent thoughts on the RULE. It is easy to get off track, comment

### **Bob Smith** Treasurer's Report

Gentlemen;

The account balances are as follows;

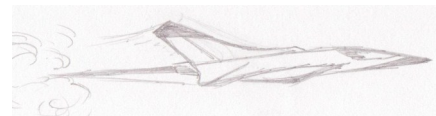
PAY PAL	\$2,927.15
Checking	\$6,523.29
TOTAL	\$9450.44

Bob Smith, Treasurer

on our thoughts on government and other issues and while there is a place for that—when we are commenting on the rule during the comment period we should stick to just that, the rule.

So far I believe things are going well but even with the amendment I believe the FAA still reigns the skies and could make our lives hard. I do not believe whole heartedly that we should not be governed under some sort of a regulation but I do believe that our record is quite good and we should not be limited just for the noble cause of safety or security. We have seen some stupid things recently that have involved modelers so I think it is up to us to patrol ourselves to some degree and speak up when you see something that shouldn't be happening, is unsafe or unwise. I'm not talking about the normal not standing on a pilot pad, I'm talking about someone doing FPV through Manhattan and posting it on the Internet or someone flying at an uncontrolled full scale air field without the proper precautions.

See you at the field!  
-Mike



# AMA News

## *Large Model Aircraft Program*

On January 25, 2011, AMA's Executive Council (EC) approved an update to the Large Model Aircraft program. This program includes some significant changes.

One of the most prominent changes is the weight increase to 125 pounds for prop-driven models (LMA) and 100 pounds for turbine-powered models (LTMA). There are four classifications referenced within the program: LMA-1, LMA-2, LTMA-1 and LTMA-2.

Another important change is that classifications LMA-1 and LTMA-1 (55 pounds to 77.2 pounds) will

allow for a self-inspection by the owner of the LMA. It will require two demonstration flights in front of two observers. The owner can serve as one of the observers, as long as he/she is not the pilot of the model. The other observer has to be an AMA Contest Director (CD), Leader Member (LM) or Large Model Aircraft Inspector (LMAI).

As an LM or CD, you can reduce the travel time and coordination required of an LMA-1 owner. While it is a voluntary action, if you are asked to help with observing a test flight, it would be helpful for your fellow modelers and the AMA staff if you could accommodate the request. You would not be inspect-

ing—just verifying that the test flight was completed successfully.

Classifications LMA-2 and LTMA-2 will require inspection by an LMAI, followed by demonstration flights observed by the inspector.

To review the complete program go to <http://www.modelaircraft.org/files/520-a.pdf>.

## **February 18, 2011**

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AMA Works to Amend Reauthorization Bill Providing Relief for Model Aviation from sUAS Rules M U N C I E, I N – Sen. James Inhofe, OK, successfully sponsored S.223 in the Senate yesterday with an amendment specifying a "Special Rule For Model Aircraft" that provides an exemption from regulation for model aircraft operating within the following parameters:

- Flown specifically for recreational, sport, competition, or academic purposes;
- Operated in accordance with a community-based set of safety guidelines within the programming of a nationwide community-based organization;
- Limited to 55 pounds or less unless certified through a de-

sign, construction, inspection, flight test, and operational safety program currently administered by a community-based organization.

"On behalf of our 140,000 members I want to thank Senator Inhofe, Chairman Jay Rockefeller and Ranking Republican Kay Bailey Hutchinson for their leadership in shepherding the FAA reauthorization bill through the U.S. Senate," said Academy of Model Aeronautics President Dave Mathewson. "Aero modeling is an exceptional family recreational and education activity that has traditionally been a stepping stone for our children to careers in aviation and aerospace. With the Senators' help we hope model aviation will continue to help provide that impetus for future generations of engineers, pilots and astronauts."

The bill now moves to the House of Representatives, which is expected to rule on the matter in the very near future.

AMA has contended that the purpose and operation of model aircraft flown for

recreational purposes is uniquely different from the operation of the growing number of commercial small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS) for which the FAA is drafting regulation. Aeromodelers operating under AMA's guidelines have earned a reputation of being one of the safest, if not the safest users of the National Airspace System. This exemplary safety record spans more than 75 years.

The Academy of Aeronautics, founded in 1936, charts 2,400 clubs across the country, sanctioning more than 2,000 events and competitions as a member of the National Aeronautic Association. It is dedicated to promoting aeromodeling as a recreational, competitive and academic pursuit.

## Secretary's Report

### Scott Ramos, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes, Feb 1, 2011

#### Members Present

Chuck Thompson	President
Dave Sweany Director	Field Di- rector
Scott Ramos	Secretary
Tony di Leo structor	Flight In- structor
Bob Smith	Treasurer
Ricc Bieber Director	Hospitality
Bob Tarlau lations Director	Public Re- lations Director
Robert Burn director	Event Di- rector
Stephen Fine Director	Program

#### Members Absent

Ben Elkouby Director	Electric
Adam Gelbart Director	Giant Scale
Mario Sweet director	Safety Di- rector
Gary Sevens ship	Member- ship
Mike Lipsey Editor	Newsletter

Chuck Thompson

Night fly, Jason sent an email and it appears the Parks & Recs will only issue permits for dawn to dusk. Jason suggests that we

choose our battle and not fight this at this time. They are now requiring us to apply for permits in over 30 days. There is a question about how this will affect other events that we have traditionally had night flys and overnight camping.

Chuck suggests we cancel the February night fly and place the applications as usual. Also, Robert should contact Jason before submitting applications. The event on the 20<sup>th</sup> is still a go. It will be CDed by Sam Gengo. The next event is the Giant Scale Fun Fly on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Artwork has been completed by Chuck and will be printed for distribution. Chuck still needs to do the artwork for the Pizza/engine clinic.

Chuck got an email from Ian Barber from the Circle Burners. They would like to work together for a joint event with our July Fun Fly by offering introductory flights for children and adults. Chuck motioned we go forward with this suggestion. The motion was seconded and passed.

We received the schedule from the Circle Burner. The biggest issue is a conflict with the All Scale event. We will request a change of date for the August event.

There were 4 event proposals/changes made. We had tentatively planned for a March date for a new 3d Airplane event. We have decided to defer it to next year. A new Pylon race class is being considered, an electric class. People have asked if it will become an event. Another suggestion was a Huck Fest event. It is an event that we would have to petition for it to be held at our field. It is a large scale 3D event. It will need research. Chuck was also con-

tacted about an EDF event being held as a 3 day event in the summer. Chuck will discuss it further with Benny who is not in attendance at this meeting.

We still have the Helicopter Director, Media Director, and Vice President positions open. There have been no nominations or volunteers. Chuck and Scott will work on position descriptions.

Chuck will do another business card printing and order name tags for the new members.

Chuck received a suggestion for a battery demonstration for the General Meeting program. Steve fine will follow up. We need to follow up on tax issues for the Club and Foundation. Bob Tarlau provided the name of a non profit tax attorney.

Ricc Bieber spoke with an AMA further about the school program. Chuck has been contacted by Millikan MS about the formation of a school club and would like to work with the SFVF. Chuck has replied with an email stating we were looking to work with a school program. We are now waiting for a response.

The next step with the electric area is to set up the backup generator. The day after the electric opening the system was down to 10 volts. It turned out that the system was running on only 4 batteries. The issue has been resolved.

Willy suggested that we try to recruit people for normal maintenance, mostly cleaning tasks. We would need to maintain a log at the field.

Tony says that people have approached him about help. Also, we could ask surplus volunteers

to do some of the tasks. We will also put Help Wanted ads in the next newsletter.

Bob Smith

Checking Balance is \$8,273.12

PayPal account Balance is \$2,735.38

Total balance is \$11,008.51

Dave Sweany

Hobby King sent an email saying they were coming to Los Angeles to fly. Chuck attempted to contact them about visiting the field, but no one has responded.

Dave wants to change the locks so there is a master key and sub keys for the sheds. The cost is \$15 per lock. Motion to pay for

Steve Fine

There is a question on when the next indoor event will be held. Steve will be setting up a presenter for this coming general meeting. The July meeting will be at the field. We can also have a swap meet at one of the meetings. Chuck would like to see the general meetings more fun and activity oriented. We could do a slow indoor flyer event. If we have these events planned, we can promote the events at the field. We will need to come up with the guidelines and descriptions to advertise. Steve suggests a photo of the Board for inclusion in the newsletter and website. Steve has come forward to fill in as the interim VP until the position is filled.

Tony di Leo

Tony will put together a help

wanted notice for flight instructors.

Bob Tarlau

Bob and Gary were asking about how to handle inactive entries in the Membership database. They will send an opt in email for inactive entries.

Scott will look at re mounting the height gage and create an instruction sign. We could also list the altitude limits in meters as well as feet.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30



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# VALLEY RADIO CONTROL FLYERS



## Join the Club

The San Fernando Valley R/C Flyers are one of the largest and most active model aviation clubs in the USA. Our home is one of the premiere flying sites in the country, the legendary Apollo XI Field. The field features separate flight areas for model airplanes, park flyers and helicopters. The Valley Flyers host annual events including LA Jets, The Western E-Fly, LA3D Heli and over a dozen other flying events each year.

### Join Us Today & Learn to Fly R/C!

- ◆ Learn more about Radio Control modeling
- ◆ Interact with other modelers in your area
- ◆ Get answers to your questions about modeling
- ◆ Meetings feature informative guest speakers
- ◆ Free - flight lessons (club trainers)
- ◆ Participate for free in some club events
- ◆ Visitors are always welcome
- ◆ Youth participation is encouraged
- ◆ Compete in club fun flies and events

### Club Meetings

Meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Encino Community Center, (4935 Balboa Blvd.) - Meetings start at 7:30 PM

### Apollo XI Field

Apollo X1 Field - Woodley Park, Van Nuys  
Flying Dawn to Dusk, 7 Days a Week



[www.valleyflyers.com](http://www.valleyflyers.com)



Academy of Model Aeronautics Charter Club # 152

# VALLEY FLYERS WINTER FUN FLY & SWAP MEET MINUS THE SNOW



LIMBO AND GAMES

\*AMA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED

FREE TO CLUB MEMBERS

\$10 FOR NON CLUB MEMBERS

## SUNDAY FEBRUARY 20TH

TO HELP WITH THE EVENT  
AND FOR MORE INFO PLEASE  
VISIT [www.VALLEYFLYERS.COM](http://www.VALLEYFLYERS.COM)

OR CONTACT: SAM GENGO, CD  
[THEVALLEYFLYER@YAHOO.COM](mailto:THEVALLEYFLYER@YAHOO.COM)

### APOLLO XI FIELD





# GIANT STAR SCALE FLY-IN

**APOLLO XI FIELD - MARCH 20TH, 2011**

**IMAA RULES FOR SIZE:**

**MINIMUM WINGSPAN**

**MONOPLANE - 80"**

**MULTIWIING - 60"**

**JETS SPAN • LENGTH - 140"**

**OR TRUE 1/4 SCALE WITH DOCUMENTATION**

**\*AMA REQUIRED**

NOTE: Participants should  
know the rules of the field  
and the weather conditions  
before flying.

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**LANDING FEES: \$15.00**

**FLYING BEGINS: 9:00 AM**

**SPECTATORS WELCOME!**

**FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:**

**ADAM GELBART - 310-441-9408**

**ADAM.GELBART@VERIZON.NET**

# SUNDAY MARCH 20TH

<b>President</b>	Chuck Thompson	chuckthompson@mac.com	818-359-3976
<b>Vice President</b>			
<b>Treasurer</b>	Bob Smith	flynbs@socal.rr.com	661-298-2614
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<b>Electric Director</b>	Benny Elkouby	bennyel@worldnet.att.net	818-235-9098
<b>Event Director</b>	Robert Burn	bean_counterbb99@yahoo.com	
<b>Webmaster</b>	Jason Pakfar	jason@saturnis.net	818-206-5777
<b>Hospitality</b>	Ricc Bieber	ricc@bieberlc.com	818-497-4567
<b>Giant Scale Director</b>	Adam Gelbart	adam.gelbart@verizon.net	310-441-9408
<b>Helicopter Director</b>			
<b>Field Manager</b>	Dave Sweany	demflyer@msn.com	818-447-4510
<b>Turbine Director</b>	Jeff Tolomeo	jrtrc@yahoo.com	805-428-5219

**SUPPORT THE HOBBY SHOPS THAT SUPPORT YOUR CLUB!**

eHobbies.com	14325 Alondra Blvd., La Mirada, CA 90638	(877) (346-2243)
Brian Carlevato		
Valley Flyers Online discount will be deducted in the shopping cart by using link from the Valley Flyers website.		
<b>Evett's Model Shop</b>	1636 Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica CA 90405	(310) 452-2720
Colby Evett (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 11-5:30); (Sun 10-1)		
<b>eHobby House</b>	17721 Vanowen Street, Reseda, CA	(818) 609-1968
<b>Hobby People</b>	5541 Balboa Blvd., Encino, CA 91316	(818) 995-1162
Chris (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri 10-9); (Sat 10-6); (Sun 10-5)		
<b>Hobby Zone</b>	1617A Victory Blvd., Glendale Ca 91201	(818) 546-2291
Edwin (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 10-7); (Sun 1-5)		
<b>Marty's Hobbies</b>	1728 Moorpark Rd., Thousand Oaks, Ca. 91360	(805) 497-3664
Marty Friedman (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu 10-8); (Fri 10-9); (Sat 10-6); (Sun 10-5)		
<b>Robin's Hobby</b>	1844 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale, CA 91201	(818) 240-2093
Robin Hambley (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 10-7); (Sun 12-4)		
<b>Smith Brothers</b>	8941 Reseda Blvd., Northridge, CA 91325	(818) 885-8636
David (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 10-7); (Sun 10-5)		
<b>TdL Model Systems CNC Foam Cutting by Appointment</b>		(818) 652-9366
Tony di Leo www.TdLModels.com		



# Apollo XI Facility Schedule – 2011

*Organized Events Provide Field Improvements for Everyone!*

Date	Club	Event	Contest Director (CD)
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
5	SAT Eve	VF Numb Thumb Night Fly	Jason Pakfar 818-206-5777 jason@saturnis.net
20	SUN	VF FREE VF Members Fun Fly	Sam Gengo 310-702-1049 thevalleyflyer@yahoo.com
<b>MARCH</b>			
		Tentative Event	
TBD	SUN	BSS Electric Control-line Fun Fly	Tony Naccarato 818-842-3693 <b>R/C Runway not affected.</b>
20	SUN	VFGSS Giant Scale Fly In	Adam Gelbart 310-441-9408 adam.gelbart@verizon.net
<b>APRIL</b>			
8	FRI ½ Day	VF George Finch Memorial Race Q40/Q500	Travis Flynn 818-843-4107 flynnracer@aol.com
9 – 10	SAT & SUN		
23	SAT	BSS All Electric Fun-Fly	Tony Naccarato 818-842-3693
<b>MAY</b>			
14	SAT	VF Pizza Fun Fly / Engine Clinic	Bob Smith 661-298-2614 flynbs@socal.rr.com
14	SAT	VCB The May Stunt Meet – 2 circles	Stan Tyler 526-423-4634 Stan.tyler@verizon.net <b>R/C Runway not affected.</b>
21 – 22	SAT & SUN	VF LA JETS Spring 2010 - 2 Days	Jason Pakfar 818-206-5777 jason@saturnis.net
<b>JUNE</b>			
3	FRIDAY	VF Western States 3-Day Electric Fun Fly	Benny Elkouby 818-235-9098 bennyel@worldnet.att.net
4 – 5	SAT & SUN		
24	FRI ½ Day	VF Q40/Q500 Tribute to Fred Burgdorf Western Championship Series	Travis Flynn 818-843-4107 flynnracer@aol.com
25 – 26	SAT & SUN		
<b>JULY</b>			
10	SUN	VF VCB FREE Valley Flyers Members Fun Fly & Swap Meet & VCB Teach and Fly CL	Chuck Thompson – VF 818-359-3976 – CT John Patwell - VCB 661-298-9372 - JP chuckthompson@mac.com jpatwell@sbcglobal.net
22 – 24	FRI – SUN	VF LA JETS – Summer – 3 Days	Joe Castelao 310-831-0074 f16jc@aol.com
26	TUE	VF Club Meeting at Field 7:30 PM	Chuck Thompson 818-359-3976 chuckthompson@mac.com
<b>AUGUST</b>			
5 – 7	FRI – SUN	VFGSS All Scale Event	Adam Gelbart 310-441-9408 adam.gelbart@verizon.net
14	SUN	VCB Hot August Stunt Contest 4 Circles	Scott Dinger 805-526-9074 weldit74@yahoo.com No Heli Flying
21	SUN	VF VF Fun Fly & Swap Meet	Scott Ramos 818-407-1180 saramos@earthlink.net
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
4	SUN	VFGSS Giant Scale Fly In	Adam Gelbart 310-441-9408 adam.gelbart@verizon.net
25	SUN	VF Valley Flyers Fun Fly / BBQ	Bob Smith 661-298-2614 flynbs@socal.rr.com
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
1-2	SAT & SUN	VCB Hi Johnson Memorial C/L Stunt Contest – 4 Circles	Bill Barber 805-241-0453 barcam@verizon.net No Heli Flying
7	FRIDAY	VF LA 3-D Helicopters	TBD
8 – 9	SAT & SUN		
16	SUN	VF Try&Fly : Public Open House	Chuck Thompson 818-359-3976 chuckthompson@mac.com
23	SUN	BSS All Electric Fun Fly	Tony Naccarato 818-842-3693
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
5	SAT	VF November Fun Fly & Night Fly	Jason Pakfar 818-206-5777 jason@saturnis.net
20	SUN	VCB CL FunFly & Swap Meet	Bill Barber 805-241-0453 barcam@verizon.net
27	SUN	VF LA JETS – Fall 2010– 1 Day	Bob Wilcox 818-203-4923 bgwp60@gmail.com
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
11	SUN	VFGSS Toys-for-Tots: Open to all sizes	Darrell Martin 818-368-1488 dmartin168@aol.com

½ Day: Although the schedule states ½ day for the first day of a multi day event, the field may be closed before noon if a significant number of event participants are present and ready to fly. The exception to this is Pylon Racing in which the field will always be open for sport flying during the practice day morning.

**ALL Valley Flyers Fun Fly Events include a SWAP MEET!**

<b>AMA</b>	Academy of Model Aeronautics	Official national body for model aviation in the United States
<b>BSS</b>	Black Sheep Squadron	Peanut scale, miniature, electric, and indoor aircraft
<b>VFGSS</b>	VF Giant Scale Squadron	Giant Scale Squadron of the Valley Flyers
<b>VCB</b>	Valley Circle Burners	Control Line (C/L) flying club – Some events may affect runway maneuvers.
<b>VF</b>	Valley Flyers	San Fernando Valley R/C Flyers flying club

Apollo XI Field Schedule 2011 – Rev-3.2

**Schedule may CHANGE! Check monthly newsletter or valleyflyers.com for updates!**



# 61 Years of Service!

**Dear Model Aircraft & Radio Control Enthusiast,**

Thank you for your interest in Model Aviation. The San Fernando Valley Radio Control Flyers (SFVRCF) is Academy of Model Aeronautics Charter Club #152, and in 2011 the club will enjoy its 61st year as a Club! Joining the Valley Flyers is a great way to support the hobby while enjoying the rich, educational benefits and camaraderie that Club membership can bring.

The main emphasis of the Club is the promotion of model aviation, to maintain the Apollo XI field both physically and politically for model aviation, and to promote good fellowship and community relations. With your membership, you support the many Apollo XI field improvements and community relations projects the club is championing.

**Benefits of Membership Include:**

- Free flight instruction. We use our Club trainer airplanes, radios, and fuel... You provide the enthusiasm!
- Free Annual BBQ & Club-subsidized End-of-Year Holiday Party & Award Presentation & FREE Fun Fly Events.
- Club Meetings including Show-And-Tell, Model-Related Programs & Presentations, and a Monthly Raffle.
- Up to a 10% Discount for purchases at supporting hobby shops\*
- The Valley Flyer – The club's official newsletter.

Please fill out and sign the membership application. Send the application with a check for the membership dues (make check payable to **The Valley Flyers**) to Valley Flyers Membership, PO Box 2055, North Hills, CA 91393 Alternately, you may bring your application to a Club meeting, or sign up using PayPal® at [www.valleyflyers.com](http://www.valleyflyers.com) online.

Prospective Members and Guests are always welcome and invited to Club meetings. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Membership Director  
San Fernando Valley Radio Control Flyers

Along with your modest annual dues, you need to have a current membership in the **Academy of Model Aeronautics**. If you are not yet an AMA member, you can sign up by calling 765-287-1256 or visiting [www.modelaircraft.org](http://www.modelaircraft.org) online.

**SFVRCF Club Meetings**

Club meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. Refreshments will be available. Please bring a couple of extra dollars for refreshments and raffle tickets if you so desire.

2011 Club Meeting Schedule			
January	25th	July	26th
February	22nd	August	23rd
March	22nd	September	27th
April	26th	October	25th
May	24th	November	22nd – Annual Workers Raffle
June	28th	December	TBD Holiday Party



The SFVRCF is Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) charter club # 152, and as a charter club all members of the SFVRCF must be members in good standing with the AMA. Failure to become an AMA member or to keep your AMA membership current will void your SFVRCF membership. Your AMA membership is verified each year when you renew your club membership. SFVRCF members are expected to abide by club bylaws, Academy of Model Aeronautics rules, Apollo XI field flying regulations, and normal standards of conduct and courtesy.

\* Some restrictions may apply call store for details.



# San Fernando Valley R/C Flyers

## 2011 Application for Membership



**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!**

Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ \*AMA Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Current AMA membership is required to be a SFVRCF member. Failure to supply a valid and current AMA number within 45 days of application will void SFVRCF membership.

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

"Go by" Name (Example Bob instead of Robert) \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Print one letter per block)

The Club Respects Your Privacy! Email Addresses will only be used for informing members of upcoming meetings & events and will be kept confidential.

I am a member in good standing with the Academy of Model Aeronautics. INITIAL

I am a certified AMA CD (Contest Director). Yes/No

T-Shirt Size (Check one) S M L XL XXL XXXL

As a member of San Fernando Valley Radio Control Flyers I agree to abide by the San Fernando Valley Radio Control Flyers Club bylaws, AMA rules, the Apollo XI Field regulations, and the normal standards of conduct and courtesy.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Membership Type	
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New Member **	\$25.00
Renewal	\$25.00
Additional Family Member	\$10.00
Junior	\$10.00
Other*	
* Please explain	

Interests	
Check all that apply	
Learning to fly	Electrics / Park Flyers
Learning to build	Pylon Racing
Sport Flying	Jets
Pattern	Giant Scale
Scale Models	Helicopters
R/C Combat	3D Aerobatics

I'll help with
Check all that apply
Flight Instruction
Building Instruction
Safety
Hospitality
Contests
Field Maintenance

\*\* January 1 - March 31 **\$25.00** | April 1 - June 30 **\$20.00** | July 1 - Sept. 30 **\$15.00** | October 1 - December 31 **\$10.00**

**Membership Feedback** Please give us your comments on how you feel about the club/field or other items you think can be improved:

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